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TO : Chief, FBID   DATE: 9 March 1955

FROM : Chief, Radio PropagandaBranch

SUBJECT: Specific Recommendations on Proposed BBC Cuts in East German and Moscow
International Coverage

The following recommendations are based on the assumption that it will
be impossible for BBC to meet the full FBIS requirements in each case.

1. East Germany: It is proposed

   a. That in place of rigid adherence to coverage schedules BBC moni-
      tor East German program previews daily and select non-news
      coverage on a flexible basis. Previews would be supplied
      promptly to London Bureau analysis and editorial sections for
      FBIS views on which programs contain politbally relevant material
      which should be recorded and processed.

   b. That the following programs constitute a hard core not to be af-
      fected by any cuts made:

Berlin I and II	0530-0540	(Agricultural Talk)
Berlin II	1930-2000	(Radio Newsreel)
Berlin II	1050-1100	(Agricultural Talk)
Berlin II	1300-1310	(Economic talk)
d'sender	1600-1610	(Feature or talk)
D'sender	1910-1920	(Commentary)
D'sender	2015-2030	(Talk)

2. Moscow in German: The following relatively less productive programs
   could be shifted to Frankfurt: 0630 and 1730. Others are highly
   and equally productive.

3. Moscow in German for Austria: Austrian Bureau can assume coverage.

4. Moscow in Dutch and Spanish: BBC proposal can be accepted if neces-
   sary, since a study has revealed that the shows to be retained
   (1730 Dutch and 2000 Spanish) are most productive for RPB purposes.

5. Moscow in Polish: If one of the two equally productive shows must
   be eliminated, BBC should cover the 1430 Su and 1600 weekly program,
   and when it is unintelligible shift to the 1830 broadcast.

6. Moscow Serbo-Croat: Rather than delete the 1800 show, which carries
   about 50 commentaries a month, BBC should drop either the 1530 or
   2100 shows, which carry about 30 commentaries monthly each.

7. Moscow in Slovene: RPB requests that the highly productive 1600 show
   be retained.

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